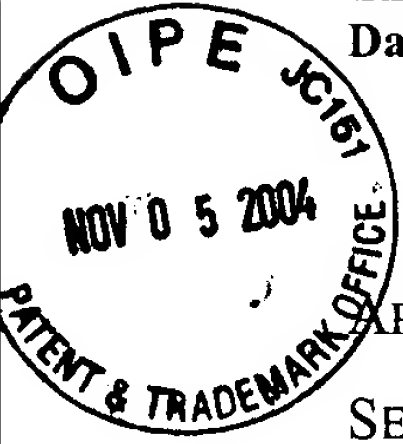


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APPLICANTS: Masternak et al.
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/840,243 EXAMINER: F. Pierre VanderVegt, Ph.D.
FILING DATE: April 24, 2001 ART UNIT: 1644
FOR: NEW TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR OF MHC CLASS II GENES, SUBSTANCES
CAPABLE OF INHIBITING THIS NEW TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR, AND MEDICAL
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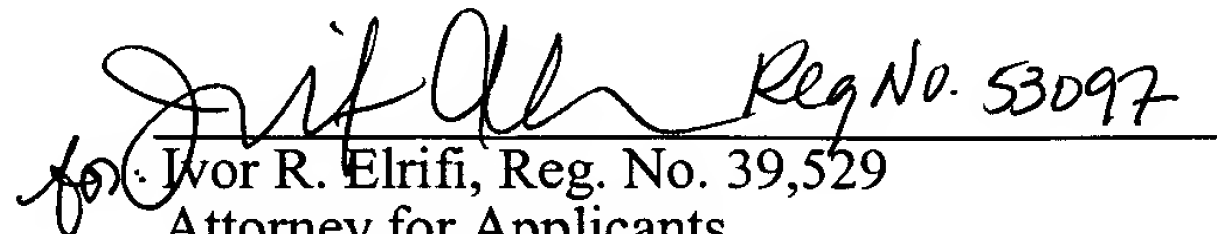
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before November 5, 2004. A check in the amount of \$490.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Although Applicant believes no additional fees are due with this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-604. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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